



The Link - January 2007

Resolve to get a "Faithlift" in 2007

Our "Extreme Faithlift" capital campaign was launched to a healthy start in 2006. Thank you and congratulations to all in our congregation who resolved last year to add a handicap accessible lift to our building. Your prayers, hard work, and financial contributions allowed the work to begin. As with any construction project, delays and complications were inevitable. But thanks to ongoing efforts and oversight by our Trustees, the project is now in its final stages. Soon we will give a welcoming "lift" to all who desire to worship with us, regardless of physical limitations.

The challenging, time-consuming lift project is nearly complete, but our payments to the project have only begun. The \$10,000 raised by the capital campaign last summer was but a down-payment on an \$80,000 project. The balance has been borrowed from Trustee Investment Funds. Because these funds now run critically low, it is imperative that we replenish the \$70,000 borrowed before we embark on any other projects.

No doubt, if you've attended church in Marlborough for any length of time, you've compiled your own list of projects you'd like to see completed. So much is needed to maintain and restore the physical integrity and beauty of our church building. The longer we wait to begin, the more difficult it is to prioritize the list of projects, many of which are becoming near-emergencies. Just for starters, our parking lot is in need of repairs, outdoor lighting is necessary, and we are under mounting pressure to update our fire alarm system and kitchen utilities.

Please resolve in 2007 to help us achieve a much-needed resurgence in our "Extreme Faithlift" capital campaign. Your contributions to the campaign are welcome, as always. Please make checks payable to "FUMC Trustees" and note "Extreme Faithlift" in the memo line. There are other ways to help, as well. Consider spearheading a fundraiser. Last year, hundreds of dollars were netted through youth group coffee sales and yard sales, as well as the Halloween "Haunted Tour" event. Please see Pastor Linda or any member of the Board of Trustees if you'd like to host or help with a fundraiser in 2007, or if you'd like to become a member of the Trustees.

Thank you from the Board of Trustees:

Tom Racca (chair), Steve White, Joyce Swett, Tim Howe, Alyson Cox

Six-Week Pre-Lenten Bible Study

Begins Monday, January 21

Ends Monday, February 26

Join Pastor Linda for a short, six-session Bible study on Philippians. Philippians is a short letter written by the Apostle Paul to the members of the church at Phillipi, in Greece.

This six-week course will concentrate on four themes in Philippians. It is ideal for newcomers to Bible study or for experienced students of the Bible who want to explore Paul's writing from a new angle.

All you have to do is show up! Pastor Linda will furnish all study guides. You can choose from two formats and times:

Adult Session: Monday mornings, 10-11 AM, home of Bess Cowan

Intergenerational Session: Monday evenings, 7-8 PM, Education Room. For adults and youth who are middle-school age or older.

A sign-up sheet is in the Vestry. Or, email Pastor Linda to sign up.

Three Week Lenten Study: What Do United Methodists Believe?

For: Prospective new members Or long-time members who want to brush up on their understanding of Methodist history and belief

Three Sundays after Church (bring brown bag lunch if you wish) in the Education Room 12:30-1:30 PM on Sundays: March 4, 11, 18

Note of Thanks:

Pastor Linda wishes to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness and generosity during December. Special appreciation goes to those who attended and supported the taping of the December 10 church service. Also, Pastor Linda is very grateful for the Christmas cards and gifts—especially the congregational gift of money. Blessings to all and happy new year!

Members of WHO (Women Helping Others) donned elf hats for our December meeting. We filled 10 gift bags for teenagers, 20 bags of toiletries for the homeless shelter, and 10 gorgeous gift baskets for shut-ins. Our sincere thanks to all who provided cash and merchandise for these gifts. In addition to stuffing the gift bags, we enjoyed a most excellent cookie swap besides! The next business meeting of WHO will be Wednesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

**TREASURER REPORT
FOR
NOVEMBER 2006**

INCOME

INCOME RECEIVED WAS \$ 5,234.00 IN TOTAL. \$ 4,970.00 FOR BUDGET AND EXPENSES. BALANCE WAS PASS THRU. TOTAL REVENUE IS DOWN BY 13% FROM BUDGET. PLEDGES ARE ALSO DOWN BY ALMOST 5% PER BUDGET. \$0 HAS BEEN OFFERED IN SPECIAL OFFERS OR FUND RAISERS FOR THE GENERAL TREASURY, THUS BRINGING DOWN THE YTD TOTAL.

DISBURSEMENTS

ALL OPEN BILLS WERE PAID THIS MONTH. WE PAID \$ 4,500.00 IN BILLS THIS MONTH. YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES ARE \$ 55,316.00. THIS REPRESENTS 78% OF BUDGET. THIS IS 13% LOWER THAN BUDGET FOR THIS TIME PERIOD.

ENDING BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT

WE ENDED THE MONTH WITH \$2,166.00 IN THE CHECKING ACCOUNT.

PASS THROUGH REPORT

PASS THROUGH ACCOUNTS ARE HEALTHY.

CONFERENCE STATUS

NO PAYMENT MADE TO CONFERENCE THIS MONTH.

ARTHUR BASTIAN
TREASURER – FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
15 DECEMBER 2006



Miracle on Main Street

Our appreciation and thanks to all who participated in “Miracle on Main Street”. All the participants did a great job and it brought lot of cheer and fun during the Christmas season.

The hall was fully packed and the children performed with lot of zest and fun. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make this wonderful event happen! Special thanks to Alyson Cox and Ken Cox!!



Church Calendar for January 2007

3	Wednesday	7.00 PM	Trustees Meet, Education Room
4	Thursday	7.00 PM	Worship at New Horizons Assisted Living
7	Sunday	10.00 AM	Sunday school
		10:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
		11.00 AM	Morning Worship
8	Monday	10.00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
9	Tuesday	7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
11	Thursday	7.00 PM	Worship at New Horizons Assisted Living
14	Sunday	10.00 AM	Sunday school
		10:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
		11.00 AM	Morning Worship
15	Monday		Martin Luther King Holiday, Office closed
16	Tuesday	7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
17	Wednesday	7:15 PM	W.H.O. (Women Helping Others) meets in Vestry Election of Officers for 2007
18	Thursday	7.00 PM	Worship at New Horizons Assisted Living
21	Sunday	10.00 AM	Sunday school
		10:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
		11.00 AM	Morning Worship
22	Monday	10.00 AM	Pre-Lent Bible Study for Adults, home of Bess Cowan
		7.00 PM	Pre-Lent Intergenerational Bible Study, Education Room
23	Tuesday	7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
25	Thursday	7.00 PM	Worship at New Horizons Assisted Living
28	Sunday	10.00 AM	Sunday school
		10:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
		11.00 AM	Morning Worship
29	Monday	10.00 AM	Pre-Lent Bible Study for Adults, home of Bess Cowan
		7.00 PM	Pre-Lent Intergenerational Bible Study, Education Room
30	Tuesday	7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary





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